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A statement released Jan. 22 by the Organization of the Armed People (ORPA) rebel group said at least 20 soldiers died and "many" were wounded in recent fighting. The Armed Forces Public Relations Office reported the rebels ambushed a military patrol Jan. 21 in Playa Grande, Quiche department, killing five soldiers and injuring eight others. The ORPA communique said a rebel unit attacked soldiers Dec. 16 on two occasions in Cerro Paquisis, Suchitepequez, causing seven fatalities. Next, rebels reportedly clashed with an army company at the Tajumulco Volcano in San Marcos department. Government troops suffered an "unknown number of losses." ORPA pertains to the rebel umbrella organization, the Guatemalan National Revolutionary United Front (URNG).

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